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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Re: Continuation of Application Serial No. 09/693,968 of Hiromichi ITOH
CUTTING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING BELTLIKE
MATERIAL
Assignee: FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.
Our Ref: Q76307

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/693,968 (Confirmation No. 8693) filed October 23, 2000 of Hiromichi ITOH entitled CUTTING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING BELTLIKE MATERIAL.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 3 sheets of drawings as originally filed in the prior application, and copies of the Declaration and Assignment as filed in the parent application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, a Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by Applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application, a Request for Approval of Proposed Drawing Corrections, and a Submission of Corrected Formal Drawings.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3654.

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a Continuation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of Application No. 09/693,968 filed October 23, 2000, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

A Preliminary Amendment is submitted herewith.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	P. Hei. 11-299693	October 21, 1999

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/693,968.



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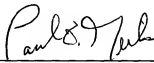
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A check for the statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/693,968. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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In re application of

Docket No.: Q76307

Hiromichi ITOH

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No. 09/693,968 filed Oct. 23, 2000)

Confirmation No.: (not yet assigned)

Group Art Unit: (not yet assigned)

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Examiner: (not yet assigned)

For: CUTTING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING BELTLIKE MATERIAL

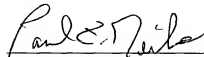
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DRAWING CORRECTIONS

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Sir:

Submitted herewith please find 1 sheet of proposed drawing corrections with the changes indicated in red ink. These changes correspond to proposed drawing corrections that were approved by the Examiner in the parent Application No. 09/693,968. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the drawing corrections and approve the changes.

Respectfully submitted,



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